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Respectfully submitted,

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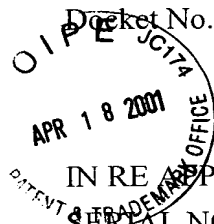
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Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated March 28, 2001, Applicants elect, albeit with traverse, Group I, Claims 8-13 for further prosecution at this time.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction in the above-identified application as follows:

Group I, Claims 8-13, drawn to a kit and a pharmaceutical composition comprising HGF, classified in class 530, subclass 399; and

Group II, Claims 14-15, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising HGF and VEGF, classified in class 530, subclass 399.

Thus, the 8 claims pending in this application have been separated into two separate groups. Applicants elect, with traverse Group I, Claims 8-13 for examination purposes only.

Applicants respectfully traverse, on the grounds that the claims are to a certain extent coextensive, and if not coextensive, interrelated so as to require examination in a single